

The PVRC Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, Sept. 13 (raindate Sept. 14)

F O W L F E S T

Hosts: KC8C & KM3T, directions below

Agenda: Short PVRC meeting for election of officers,
voting on prospective members;
NCDXA meets at approx. 5 p.m.
Principally a SOCIAL OCCASION

Contests:

Sept. 13 N.A. Sprint CW (Sat. eve EDT) (see below)
Sept. 13-14 D.A.R.C. European DX Phone
Sept. 13-15 ARRL VHF QSO Party
Sept. 20 N.A. Sprint Phone (see below)
Sept. 20-21 Scandinavian CW
Sept. 20-21 CRRL Can-Am Phone Sat., CW Sun.
Sept. 27-28 Scandinavian Phone
Sept. 27-28 California QSO Party (free bottle wine top 20)
Oct. 4-5 IRSA World Radio Championship Phone Sat., CW Sun.
Oct. 4-5 VK/ZL/Oceania DX Phone

F O W L F E S T

Last call for the KC8C/KM3T F O W L F E S T at the Laun Estate (which they now inhabit). Chicken, salad, drinks, and more will be served under the 80 meter beam and other aluminum arrays. Spouses, friends especially welcome. We are pleased to welcome members of the National Capital DX Association. Many contesters are interested in DX, and vice versa, and a significant number of PVRC members also are members of NCDXA. This is an opportunity for NCDXA members not members of PVRC, and PVRC members not members of NCDXA, to get to know the others, and maybe both clubs do a little recruiting.

If you haven't already reserved your F O W L F E S T ticket, please do so immediately, to Mike Colesante, coupon below. Directions are at the end of the newsletter. If the weather on Saturday is questionable, call Mike's tape machine at (301) 630-5857 to determine if postponed to Sunday the 14th (raindate). PLEASE come, and let Mike know so he and Dave can plan!

Mail to: Mike Colesante, 5803 Huntland Road, Temple Hills, MD 20748

_____ reservations at \$7.00 each for FOWLFESEST Sept. 13
Name, call, address, phone:

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PVRC Contests

September traditionally is the beginning of the contest season. I have been noting the major contests at the beginning of the newsletter so that you might try some "little ones" in preparation for the "big ones" : CQ WW SSB is the first of the PVRC club competition contests, and this year will be held October 25-26. Sweepstakes CW is November 1-2, Sweepstakes phone November 15-16, and CQ WW CW is November 29-30. This is the heart of PVRC's club competitions -- only the ARRL DX contests in Feb./Mar. remain. (We do encourage participation in the N.A. Sprints, see below, and the CQ WPX contests, but traditionally we make our maximum efforts in CQ WW, SS, & ARRL DX.)

This year we are organizing to get PVRC members on the air. All members are requested to fill out and return the short questionnaire included with this newsletter. If we don't hear from you, you'll hear from us. We hope you'll join in our club contest activities for as many weekends as possible. After the contests we'll be collecting scores on the 147.00 repeater. Also, on the Monday nights following the four DX contest weekends we will have a roundtable discussion at 8 p.m. to compare notes and collect more scores. For all three contests (six weekends) PVRC will submit logs directly to the sponsors, so you are requested to bring your log to the meeting immediately following the contest, or to mail it to me. The logs will be transferred directly to the sponsor. While you don't have to take advantage of this service, we do have the means to ensure prompt receipt and acknowledgement of the logs beyond merely mailing it to a general address.

PVRC is first and foremost a contest club. Please join us on the air for our operating weekends.

PVRC Awards

In addition to the PVRC 5-million award, we want to initiate new club awards for each of the six contests. This will be on the agenda for the October meeting, in addition to a panel discussion on preparing for and operating in the CQ WW SSB and sweepstakes contests.

Election

The call for candidates went out in the last newsletter. Proposed for 1986-'87 are : President K3ZJ; Vice-president WA3TAI; Secretary KC8C; and Treasurer W3XE. This is a rerun of last year's officers, except for Andy.

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North American Sprint Contests

by Bob Peterson, W3YY

The next CW Sprint contest is Saturday, September 13, and the next SSB Sprint Saturday, September 20. Please volunteer to join the PVRC team(s). These contests, held twice a year, in September and February, are sponsored by the National Contest Journal (NCJ). Separate SSB and CW contests are held during each of these months. The contests are unique in several aspects which make them particularly interesting. If you're not familiar with this contest, check out the rules (enclosed) and you'll see what I mean.

First, the contests are short. Each contest is only four hours long. Anyone can put in a full effort without sacrificing an entire weekend or even a day. The contests run from 0000 through 0359 UTC, so you don't even lose any sleep.

Second, the contests have a unique "QSY rule" to keep stations moving and prevent them from just sitting on a frequency and running stations. You have to experience this aspect of the contest firsthand to really appreciate the excitement it adds to the event.

Third, the contest has a regular following of hardcore contest types and great operators. While the contest is for everyone, there's no doubt that the "cream of the crop" tend to be represented in these events. If you want to operate in a small contest with some of the best operators around, this is the contest for you.

From the standpoint of the PVRC, these contests give the club a chance for some important recognition. Our club used to enter teams in these events, but not recently. I think the time has come to change. Judging from recent Sprint results, and our known capabilities, PVRC could regularly place among the top four teams if we made a reasonable effort. This would be notable, considering the fact that Midwest and West Coast stations seem to enjoy an advantage over the East Coast in this contest.

The September CW Sprint will be held at 0000 through 0359 UTC on September 14 (Saturday night, Sept. 13, 8:00 - 11:59 p.m. local time). The SSB Sprint is the following weekend at the same time. I will be organizing and registering PVRC teams for each of these contests. If we get more than ten entrants, additional teams will be formed. I think it would be great if PVRC could regularly enter 2 or 3 teams, with team #1 comprised of those members who provided the 10 best scores in the previous Sprint.

Let me know if you'd like to participate. If you're interested in operating only one mode, that's fine, since the SSB and CW contests are entirely separate events. Please contact me at (703) 830-1480 (home) or (202) 376-7447 or 485-1766 (work). I'm looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you in my Sprint log this September.

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PVRC Notes

Help! Mike, KC8C, would like a schematic, manual, or other information on a military receiver, R392/URR.

N3JT DXpedition to San Andres for CQ WW SSB. Watch for Jim Talens operating N3JT/HKO from San Andres Island on all bands during the CQ WW SSB contest. Any other PVRCers venturing forth?

N3RI Moving. Bob Landis, N3RL, is leaving the D.C. area for Dallas/Fort Worth in the near future. His home, custom built on a number of acres at the highest point in Howard County, is for sale. Good luck in your new job, Bob!

August Meeting. The following members and guests were present at the August meeting, held at the QTH-to-be of W3LPL: W3LPL, KC8C, W3FG, W3YY, K5VRX, W3HHG, W3FA, W3XE, WB3AVN, WA3VUG, N8II, KM3T, WB3JRU, AA4Z, K2NA, WP4J, W9LT/4, W6AXX, K3WX, K3KU, N3JT, KE9A/4, W3EKT, W3GN, N8RC, N3GB, WA3EKL, WG4Q, KE3Q, KX3Q, N3AM, & K3TM. Good show!

Directions to F O W L F E S T

Capital Beltway to Maryland Exit 7 (Route 5, Branch Avenue). Exit South towards Waldorf. At first stop light, turn Right onto Manchester, which is only 1 block long and ends in a "T" at Old Branch Avenue. Turn Right onto Old Branch Avenue, which gently curves to the left and becomes Henderson Road. Continue on Henderson for about 1 mile, to slight rise and hidden CAUTION sign on the rise. Part way down hill turn Right onto Huntland Road and park - 5803 and 5801 Huntland are in first block on left.

1986 - 1987 PVRC Questionnaire.

Return at meeting or mail to PVRC, 9763 Oleander Avenue, Vienna, VA 22180

I plan (hope) to operate in the following contests this season:

___ CQ WW SSB, October 25-26, 1986 ___ CQ WW CW, November 29-30, 1986
___ SS CW, November 1-2, 1986 ___ SS SSB, November 15-16, 1986
___ ARRL DX CW, February 21-22, 1987 ___ ARRL DX SSB, March 7-8, 1987

___ I need a station to operate for the following contests:
___ I have a station available for a PVRC guest op. these contests:
___ I would join in a (multi/multi) (multi/single) effort for the following:

Comments:

Name, call, address, phone :